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SUMMARY: ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE FURTHER INDICATIONS ABOUT THE PARAMETERS AND NATURE OF THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN HAVE EMERGED FROM PEKING LEADERSHIP REMARKS AND PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS. THE FIRST OVERT SIGN OF A NEW ASPECT OF THE CAMPAIGN CALLING FOR PARTY RECTIFICATION HAS APPEARED IN KWANGTUNG, BUT THE LANGUAGE IS MODERATE AND ACCORDS WITH OTHER REPORTS OF A LONG-RANGE CADRE RECTIFICATION EFFORT. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS PEKING CONINTUES ITS DICHOTOMOUS PRIVATE CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLIC TREATMENT OF HOW THE INDOCHINA DEBACLE HAS AFFECTED THE US. MEANWHILE VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING VISITING PARIS HAS PUBLICLY DEPICTED CHINA AS DESIRING PEACE AND STABILITY SO AS TO ENABLE THE PRC TO CARRY ON ITS CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE USUAL PUBLIC PRC LINE ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES TO THE WORLD OF CONSTANT "GREAT UPHEAVALS".
END SUMMARY

1. KWANGTUNG CALLS FOR PARTY RECTIFICATION

IN THE FIRST OVERT SIGN OF A NEW TACK IN THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN, KWANGTUNG'S CCP HAS CALLED FOR PARTY RECTIFICATION AT COUNTY AND BASIC-LEVEL UNITS (MAY 10 BROADCAST). AIMED PRIMARILY AT CADRES LEADING A BOURGEOIS STYLE OF LIFE, THE BROADCAST CALLS FOR A MARTIAL STYLE OF RECTIFICATION, BUT BALANCES THIS WITH THE ADMONITION THAT SUCH A RECTIFICATION MUST BE HARMONIZED ALONG "REGULAR" AND "SYSTEMATIC" LINES. THUS THE LANGUAGE OF THE BROADCAST IS ON BALANCE MODERATE AND ACCORDS WITH OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED OF A LONG-TERM, LOW-KEY CADRE RECTIFICATION (HK 5239). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. POLITBURO MEMBERS ON DICTATORSHIP

DURING THIS PAST WEEK, TWO POLITBURO MEMBERS, WEI KUO-CHING AND CHEN HSI-LIEN, HAVE COMMENTED ON ASPECTS OF THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN, WHILE A THIRD, TENG HSIAO-PING, REFERRED TO ITS ECONOMIC COMPONENT. WEI, WHO IS ALSO PARTY FIRST SECRETARY IN KWANGSI, WARNED IN HIS HOME PROVINCE AGAINST THE "HIDDEN CLASS ENEMY DISTORTING SOME OF OUR SLOGANS, INCITING INCORRECT TRENDS OF THOUGHT AND BOURGEOIS FACTIONALIS..." (MAY 9 BROADCAST). WEI'S REMARKS ON DISTORTIONS PROBABLY REFER TO RUMORS ABOUT CONFISCATION OF PRIVATE PLOTS, LOWERING OF WAGES AND THE LIKE AND SERVE TO BOTH REAFFIRM THE CAUTIONARY ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND REASSERT, IN SIMILAR MANNER TO CHANG CHUN-CHIAO'S APRIL RED FLAG ARTICLE, THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL NOT STIR UP A WIND OF COMMUNIZATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. SPEAKING AT A SPORTS MEET IN PEKING, CHEN HSI-LIEN, WHO IS ALSO PEKING MR COMMANDER, HIGHLIGHTED THE PLA'S SHARE IN THE ECONOMIC CONSTRUCTION DRIVE WITH A CALL FOR BUILDING A "REVOLUTIONARY AND MODERN POWERFUL ARMY," BORROWING FROM PREMIER CHOU'S NPC FORMULA ON BUILDING A "POWERFUL MODERN
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SOCIALIST" CHINA (HK 5235). MEANWHILE IN PARIS, TENG HSIAO-PING REFERRED TO HIS COUNTRY AS HAVING "A LONG WAY TO GO" IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD AND STATED THAT CHINA WILL HAVE TO "MAKE EFFORTS FOR A LONG PERIOD TO CATCH UP WITH THE ADVANCED WORLD" (NCNA MAY 13). TENG THUS UNDERSCORED THE ECONOMIC PRIORITIES OF THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN AND THE ROLE OF THE ECONOMY IN SERVING AS A MARKER FOR THE CAMPAIGN'S PROGRESS.
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4. MODEL CADRES AND YOUTH

ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN IS FOR YOUTH TO FOLLOW AND OBEY THE PARTY'S LEAD AND FOR PARTY MEMBERS TO RECTIFY THEIR OWN WAY OF THINKING AND BEHAVIOIR. THE PATH FOR THIS MODEL BEHAVIOIR POINTS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE. THIS WAS ILLUSTRATED LAST WEEK BY A FURTHER ARTICLE ON DEMOBILIZED

SOLDIERS GOING DOWN TO RURAL AREAS (PEOPLE'S DAILY MAY 8) AS WELL AS A REPORT OF AN ACTIVE, VETERAN PLA CADRE, CHU CHIH-HUI, RESIGNING HIS OFFICE TO RETURN TO THE FARM (LIAONING BROADCASTS MAY 7, 8). IN A REVERSE FROM LAST YEAR'S MODELS WHEN CHILDREN LED THEIR PARTY PARENTS (HK A-7), CHU'S SON AT FIRST THOUGHT HIS FATHER "REALLY STUPID" AND THE YOUTH HAD TO BE EDUCATED BY HIS ELDER. MEANWHILE, A RASH OF PROVINCIAL MEETINGS FOR DOWN-TO-THE-COUNTRYSIDE YOUTH CONTINUES BOTH TO BOLSTER YOUTH MORALE AND REAFFIRM THE REGIME'S COMMITMENT TO THAT CONTROVERSIAL PROGRAM OF RUSTICATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. ELSEWHERE, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAY 7 CADRE SCHOOLS (ANOTHER PROGRAM WHICH TAKES PEOPLE OUT OF THE CITIES) BROUGHT FORTH AN ARTICLE IN PEOPLE'S DAILY AS WELL AS A PIECE LAUDING A YOUNG FEMALE CADRE FOR ELECTING TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE (NCNA MAY 13). LIAONING AGAIN ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM BY ANNOUNCING THAT MANY OF THEIR MAY 7 CADRE SCHOOLS AT PREFECTURAL AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS HAVE EXTENDED THE TERM OF TRAINING FROM SEVERAL MONTHS TO ONE YEAR (PEKING DOMESTIC SERVICE BROADCAST MAY 7). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

6. THE UNITED STATES
PEKING CONTINUES ITS DUAL PUBLIC/PRIVATE LINE ON HOW IT VIEWS THE US DEFEAT IN INDOCHINA. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INDOCHINA COLLAPSE, IN THE COURSE OF AN
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EDITORIAL ATTACKING THE SOVIETS, THE US IS DEPICTED IN PASSING AS "INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE AND STRATEGICALLY PASSIVE" (SEE ITEM 7). VISITS OF AMERICAN DELEGATIONS AND GROUPS TO CHINA CONTINUE TO BE NOTED BY NCNA AS WELL AS BY HONG KONG'S COMMUNIST PRESS. MEANWHILE IN REPORTING SENATOR MCGOVERN'S MAY TRIP TO CUBA, NCNA NOTED: THE SENATOR'S ASSERTION THAT THE US BLOCKADE SERVES TO INCREASE CUBAN DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS; CASTRO'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE US; AND THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT THE US SEES "NO VIRTUE" IN PERPETUAL ANTAGONISM" BETWEEN THE US AND CUBA (HONG KONG 5157 AND NCNA MAY 8-12). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. THE SOVIETS

PEKING PROBABLY VIEWS THE SOVIETS AS HAVING GAINED GROUND THROUGH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA. THIS MAY HAVE ADDED TO THE IRRITATION SHOWN IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL SAVAGELY ATTACKING THE SOVIETS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER GERMAN FASCISM. THE ARTICLE CHARGED THE "KHRUSCHEV-BREZHNEV RENEGADE CLIQUE" WITH HAVING CAUSED THE WORLD'S FIRST SOCIALIST STATE TO DEGENERATE INTO HITLER-LIKE SOCIALIST FACISM AS WELL AS SOCIALS-IMPERIALISM. DURING THE WEEK, NCNA ALSO TOOK A SWIPE AT MOSCOW'S RELATIONS WITH CEMA COUNTRIES, TERMED THE SOVIETS' NEW PROPOSALS " AT THE VIENNA TALKS AN "OLD TRICK", AND POINTED TO THE UNCEASING SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP IN PREPARATION OF WAR. ONE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET'S TALK OF DISARMAMENT AND MUTUAL TRUST IS BECOMING LESS CREDIBLE. ELSEWHERE , THE CHINESE MEDIA GLEEFULLY REPORTED MOSCOW'S PROTEST TO CAIRO WHICH RESULTED IN THE BANNING OF AN EGYPTIAN PLAY. ACCORDING TO NCNA, THE SATIRICAL PLAY MOCKS THE ACTIVITIES OF A DELEGATION FROM A SO-CALLED FRIENDLY COUNTRY (ALL OF WHOM SPEAK RUSSIAN) IN AN EGYPTIAN VILLAGE CALLED "PEACE" (HK 5157 AND NCNA MAY 8-12). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. TENG IN PARIS

PRC FIRST VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING IN THE MAY 12 OPENING REMARKS OF HIS PARIS VISIT DEPICTED CHINA AS WANTING "RELATIVELY FAVORABLE" INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS FOR CARRYING OUT LONG-TERM ECONOMIC CONSTRUCTION AT HOME. THIS A CONFIDENTIAL

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STRIKING DEPARTURE FROM THE USUAL PRC LINE-- THAT TURMOIL IN THE WORLD IS INCREASING AND THIS IS "FAVORABLE "-- BUT CONSISTENT WITH THE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRIVE LAUNCHED BY CHINA AT THE CONGRESS IN JANUARY (HK 5320). CONFIDENTIAL

9. CHINA AND THE EEC

DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING, EEC VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES WAS RECEIVED BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND HAD TALKS WITH VICE PREMIER AND ECONOMIC EXPERT LI HISIEN-NIEN. ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL STATEMENT WAS ISSUED

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, NCNA ON MAY 10 REPORTED THE PG'S DECISION TO ACCREDIT AN AMBASSADOR TO THE EEC. THE NEWS ITEM ALSO NOTED THE SOAMES MAY 8 PEKING PRESS CONFERENCE REMARK STATING THE EEC'S RECOGNITION OF THE PRC AS THE "SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA" AND VIEW THAT TAIWAN IS "AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHINESE TERRITORY", AS WELL AS HIS STATEMENT THAT THE EC HAS NEITHER OFFICIAL RELATIONS NOR AGREEMENTS WITH TAIWAN. NCNA REPORTED THE DECISION OF THE RECENT EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING TO HOLD A JULY EEC SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND THAT THE CSCE, PROBLEMS, OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS, AND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION WOULD BE MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS (NCNA MAY 8-10, PEKING MAY 8 BROADCAST).
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10. JAPAN

THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SIXTH VISIT OF THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) DELEGATION TO CHINA SEEMS MARKED BY COMPROMISE. PEKING APPARENTLY ACCOMMODATED THE JSP BY COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE OF THE DRAFT SINO-JAPANESE PEACE TREATY TO SPECIFY THE US COEQUALLY WITH THE USSR AS THE TARGET. IN THE VASTLY CHANGED POLITICAL SITUATION SINCE THE 1970 JOINT STATEMENT OF THE FIFTH JSP DELEGATION, CRITICISM OF MOSCOW IS GREATLY EXPANDED. RECOVERY OF THE SINO-HELD NORTHERN TERRITORY SEEMS TO BE PUT ON A PAR WITH THE GOAL OF REMOVING THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN. ALTHOUGH THE REFERENCE TO THE LATTER PROBABLY REFLECTS JSP INTENTATIVE, CHINA'S REITERATION OF THIS JSP GOAL IS CONSISTENT WITH PEKING'S POST-INDOCHINA, TWO-LINE APPROACH IN COMMENTING UPON THE US ROLE IN ASIA. THERE IS
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TOTAL OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO JAPANESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND PEKING'S LOW-LEVEL HANDLING OF THE DELEGATION IS EQUALLY CONSPICUOUS. WHEREAS CHOU RECEIVED THE 1970 GROUP AND ATTENDED THE SIGNING OF THE STATEMENT, THIS TIME VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN RECEIVED THE JSP GROUP BUT SKIPPED THE SIGNING CEREMONY (HONG KONG 5286). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. KOREA

FOLLOWING KIM IL-SUNG'S VISIT TO PEKING, NCNA HAS BEGUN TO HIGHLIGHT NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES WHICH SEEM TO FURTHER PYONGYANG'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS ALONG PEACEFUL LINES (NCNA MAY 8-12). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

12. LAOS

NCNA HAS GIVEN PROMPT AND HEAVY COVERAGE TO REPORTS FROM PATHET LAO SOURCES ON DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS, BUT THERE HAS

BEEN NO CHINESE COMMENT ON THE SITUATION. CHU TEH SENT
GREETINGS TO THE LAO KING FOR NATIONAL DAY MAY 10 (NCNA
MAY 7-13). UNCLASSIFIED

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VIETNAM-- CHINA HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CIRCUMPECT IN MAKING KNOWN
ITS VIEWS ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE US OF THE RECENT
COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA (SEE WR 19) AND THE ROLE
PLAYED BY THE PRC IN HELPING TO BRING ABOUT US DEFEATS
THERE. UNLIKE THE CHINESE VERSION, NCNA'S ENGLISH REPORT
(WHICH IS MEANT FOR INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES) OF A MAY 8
PEKING BANQUET HOSTED BY THE PRC CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TRAN
BINH OMITS BINH'S REFERENCES TO CHINA'S HAVING BEEN THE
"GREAT REAR AREA..... FOR THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE
WAR AGAINST THE US AND FOR NATIONAL SALVATION", A ROLE PEKING
ONCE PROMINENTLY HIGHLIGHTED (HONG KONG 5162). LIMITED
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14. CAMBODIA--- NCNA'S REPORT ON PRINCE SIHANOUK'S MAY 12
BANQUET HONORING PRC VICE PREMIERS LI HISIEN- NIEN AND CHEN
HSI-LIEN FAILED TO PROVIDE EVEN A BRIEF REPORT OF ANY
BANQUET REMARKS. SIHANOUK COULD BE SAVING HIS SUBSTIATIVE
REMARKS FOR ANOTHER OCCASION, BUT PRC UNCERTAINTLY AS TO HOW
BEST TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE ITS CURRENT ADVANTAGE OVER THE
SOVIETS IN DEALING WITH THE NEW CAMBODIAN RLEADERSHIP COULD
ALSO BE A FACTOR IN THE MEDIA TREATMENT. PEKING HAS
REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC GLOATING OVER THE SOVIETS' EXPULSION
FROM CAMBODIA, BUT CONTINUES TO INDIAE THAT CHINA HAS A
RELATIVELY PRIVILEGED RELATIONSHIP WIT MIN -COUNTRY FORCES.
AN AFP EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF CHINEESE BOEING 707'S ARRIVING
IN PHNOM PENH APRIL 24 BOLSTERED THIS IMAGE INTERNATIONALLY,
AND THE PRC MEDIA HAVE BEEN REPLAYING CAMBODIAN RADIO
ARTICLE SAS WELL AS CONTINUING THE SPAT OF REPORTS
CHRONICLING CHINESE JOURNALISTS' TO VISIT CAMBODIA IN
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PRC MEDIA HAVE CARRIED AN UNREMITTING STREAM OF UNFAVORABLE, REPORTING ON INDIA. DRAWING LARGELY FROM INDIAN SOURCES, NCNA HAS NOTED RECENT STRIKES IN INDIA'S TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND REPEATED ALLEGATIONS OF GOI "CONNIVENCE" IN THE PERSECUTION OF UNTOUCHABLES. ADDITIONALLY, PRC MEDIA HAVE CARRIED PAKISTANI CONDEMNATIONS OF SUCH ACTIONS AND NEPALESE PRESS COMMENTARY ON AN EXPANSIONIST INDIA. PEKING HAS ALSO CONTINUED TO CALL ATTENTION TO INDIA'S ANNEXATION OF SIKKIM (NCNA MAY 7-12 AND PEKING BROADCAST) CONFIDENTIAL

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16. LAW OF THE SEA

IN A MAY 12 WRAP-UP ON THE RESULT OF THE THIRD UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WHICH ENDED IN GENEVA MAY 9, NCNA REITERATED CHINESE AND THIRD WORLD POSITIONS IN MARITIME ECONOMIC ZONES AND "MARITIME RIGHTS" OF COASTAL STATES AND EXPLOITATION OF SEABEDS. THE ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS HAD BEEN FORCED INTO "A PASSIVE AND ISOLATED POSITION", BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ONLY WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE SUPERPOWERS, AND THE REST OF THE WORLD WOULD HAVE TO STRUGGLE FURTHER BEFORE THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED. UNCLASSIFIED
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